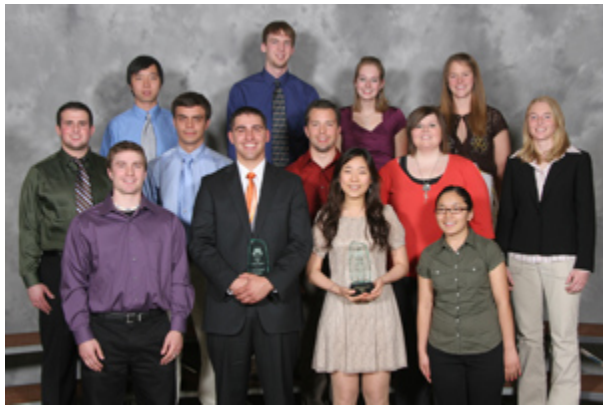


News Release

Outstanding Student Achievement and Service Celebrated at Annual U of M Crookston Student Awards Reception and Program

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The University of Minnesota, Crookston recognized outstanding achievement and service by students at the annual student awards program on Thursday, April 22, 2010. Students are nominated each year by faculty and staff in early spring and then complete an application form reporting their involvement in clubs, activities, services organizations and list awards and achievements. The top nominees receive the Student Achievement Awards, and from that group, two students are recognized with the year's top academic, service and leadership award, Man and Woman of the Year.

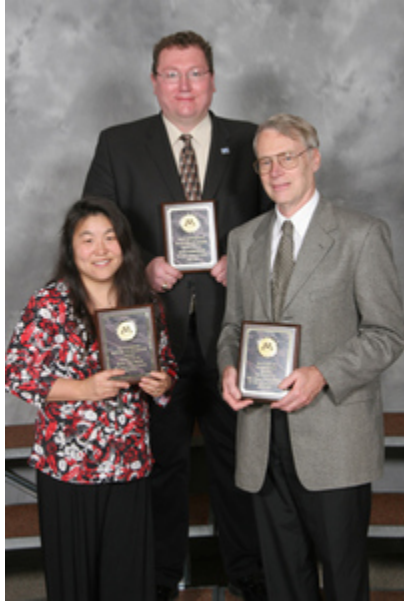


This year's recipients of the Student Achievement Awards are Anthony Dank, senior, Sartell, Minn.; Shawn Friedland, junior, Viera, Fla.; Thomas Haarstick, senior, Vergas, Minn.; Nikolas Jiran, senior, Hayden, Idaho; Brandon Sachwitz, senior, St. Paul, Minn.; Karl Syverson, senior, Minneapolis, Minn.; Alvin Tong, senior, Singapore; Lhakpa Gurung, junior, Kathmandu, Nepal; Eun Hye Kang, senior, Seoul, South Korea; Kimberly S. Nelson, senior, Cold Spring, Minn.; Kristine Neu, junior, Pelican Rapids, Minn.; Mindy Nieuwboer, senior, Kenneth, Minn.; Brittany Novak, junior, Dahlen, N.D.

Honored as "Man and Woman of the Year" from the students who received the Student Achievement Award were Man of the Year Anthony Dank, a senior animal science and equine science pre-vet major; and Woman of the Year Eun Hye Kang, a senior communication major. Dank is the son of Jim and Mary Dank from Sartell, Minn., and Kang is the daughter of Syung Hyun Kang and Soon Rye Seo from Seoul, South Korea. The awards were presented by emcee for the awards program Associate Professor Pam Elf and Daniel Wilson, president of the Crookston Noon Day Lions Club.



Faculty and staff were also recognized by the student body for their outstanding service and achievement. Members of the Crookston Student Association presented the awards to the following members of the faculty and staff: Most Creative use of Technology: Bill Peterson, professor in the Math, Science and Technology Department; Most Supportive of Students: Kenneth Johnson, instructor in the Business Department; Outstanding Service to Students: Rae French, coordinator of study abroad; Outstanding Educator: Rachel McCoppin, associate professor in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Department



Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers more than 25 bachelor's degree programs and 50 concentrations, including several online degrees, in agriculture and natural resources; arts, humanities and social sciences; business; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,300 undergraduates, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

In top-left photo: Student Achievement Award recipients, back row (l to r) Alvin Tong, Thomas Haarstick, Kristine Neu, and Kimberly S. Nelson. Middle Row Shawn Friedland, Karl Syverson, Nik Jiran, Brittany Novak, and Mindy Nieuwboer. Front row: Brandon Sachwitz, Tony Dank, Eun Hye Kang, and Lhakpa Gurung

In the center-right photo: Man and Woman of the Year (l to r) Anthony Dank and Eun Hye Kang.

In lower-left photo, Faculty and staff award recipients (l to r): Rae French, Kenneth Johnson, and Bill Peterson. Not pictured: Rachel McCoppin.

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